

perpendicular to the first direction for undergoing expansion/contraction movement to vibrationally drive the piezoelectric elements in accordance with a driving signal applied thereto, the length in the first direction of at least one of the piezoelectric elements being different from the length in the first direction of at least one other of the piezoelectric elements; and a plurality of electrodes disposed between the piezoelectric elements stacked in the first direction.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

REMARKS

The present application is a Rule 114 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of parent application Serial No. 09/398,639, filed September 17, 1999.

In an amendment after final filed February 3, 2003, applicants amended allowed independent claim 34 to more adequately cover the structure of the piezoelectric actuator